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Main Features

- In May 1984, the labour force in Queensland was estimated to be 1,131,400 and comprised 713,700 males and 417,700 females, including 231,800 married females.
- Employed persons in May 1984 totalled 1,023,000. Males numbered 646,000 and females 377,000. Of the females, 216,200 were married.
- The estimated number of persons unemployed in Queensland in May 1984 was 108,400 or 9.6 per cent of the labour force. Of this total, the number of persons looking for part-time work was estimated to be 14,900.
- Of the total unemployed, 24,200 persons, or 22.3 per cent, were in the 15 to 19 years age group. This represents an unemployment rate of 17.5 per cent for this age group.
- The estimated number of persons looking for their first job in May 1984 was 16,000 or 14.8 per cent of all unemployed persons in Queensland.

Explanatory NotesGeneral

This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey part of the monthly population survey.

Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of specific data on demographic and labour force characteristics of the population, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out

from time to time. Statistics from these surveys are published and are available on request.
The Population Survey

The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and usually covers slightly more than two-thirds of 1 per cent of the population of Queensland. Commencing with the survey in February 1978 the population surveys have been conducted monthly. Previously the

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surveys were conducted in February, May, August, and November each year. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during a period of two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

Scope

The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 years and over except: (a) members of the permanent defence forces; (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from Census and estimated populations; (c) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; and (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

Definitions

The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission, or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers, and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked 15 hours or more without pay in family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business, or farm, but were not at work.

Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week; and

Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week.

Hours of work. The figures of aggregate hours and of average hours refer to actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. They may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence

from work due to sickness, injury, accident, and industrial disputes; and stoppages of work due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. When hours of work are recorded, fractions of an hour are disregarded and this results in slightly lower figures than would be the case if actual time worked was recorded. Persons stood down for the whole of the survey week without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment are regarded as employed and therefore are included (working no hours) in the calculation of average hours worked. Persons stood down in the survey week for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown and waiting to be called back to their job are regarded as unemployed and are therefore excluded from the calculation.

Unemployed persons are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

(a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:

(i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or

(b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

Actively looking for work includes writing, telephoning, or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency, advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

Unemployed persons looking for first job are those who had never worked full-time for two weeks or more.

The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

Duration of unemployment is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Thus the survey measures current (and continuing) periods of unemployment rather than completed spells. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full-time for two weeks or more to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in

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complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration.

Average (mean) duration of unemployment is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Median duration of unemployment is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other comprising persons whose duration is below it.

Unemployed persons classified by industry and occupation. Unemployed persons who had worked full-time for two weeks or more in the last two years are classified according to the industry and occupation of their most recent full-time job.

The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

The labour force participation rate for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined. This category therefore includes persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (e.g. school or university), retired or voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions, trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation, provided they had not actively looked for work in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and

(a) in the survey week:

- (i) were without a job, business, or farm; or
 - (ii) had worked for less than one hour for pay, profit, commission, or payment in kind; or
 - (iii) had worked for less than 15 hours without pay in a family business or farm; or
- (b) had been stood down without pay for four weeks or more up to the end of the survey week.

Marital status. In the labour force survey, persons are classified as married or not married. Marital status is determined from information supplied by the respondent about the individual himself or herself and, where the person was reported as being married, about the living arrangements of persons usually resident in the household. Marital status does not therefore necessarily reflect legal status. Persons are classified as married if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The not married category includes persons who have never married, or are widowed, separated, or divorced, as well as those who,

although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. Persons who live in a de facto relationship but do not volunteer this information when asked whether they are married, are classified as not married.

In conjunction with the revision of estimates back to February 1978 to conform to revised population estimates, the new definition of marital status outlined above was adopted. Consequently, estimates of marital status contained in this publication are not comparable with estimates published before the February 1984 issue of this publication. This revision to the marital status classification has been undertaken in two parts. Firstly, for all surveys from February 1978, persons who reported that they were separated, were reclassified as not married (previously they were included as married). Secondly, from June 1983 onwards, in addition to including persons reported as separated, the not married category includes persons, who although reported as married, did not, at the time of the survey, have a spouse who was a usual resident of the household.

Industry classification. Industry is classified according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), 1978.

Occupation classification. Occupation has been classified according to the Classification and Classified List of Occupations, revised June 1981.

The Brisbane Statistical Division comprises the Cities of Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan, and Redcliffe, the Shire of Redland, and parts of the Shires of Albert, Beaudesert, Caboolture, Moreton, and Pine Rivers.

Population benchmarks. Labour force survey estimates of persons employed, unemployed, and not in the labour force are calculated in such a way as to add up to the independently estimated distribution of the population aged 15 years and over by age and sex. This procedure compensates for under-enumeration in the survey, and leads to more reliable estimates. The independent population statistics (benchmarks) are the latest available estimates at the time the labour force survey is conducted, but they usually differ from the official population estimates subsequently published in the ABS publication "Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly" (Catalogue No. 3101.0) because they are necessarily derived from incomplete information about population changes.

Revision of Series. Survey estimates are not revised for the usually small amendments of population benchmarks arising from new data on deaths and overseas and internal migration. Revisions are made, however, after each Census of Population and Housing and when population estimation bases are reviewed. Survey estimates back to February 1978 have been recalculated to conform to revised population estimates which take account of results of the 1981 Census.

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Following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis from the 1981 Census, the population benchmarks used in this revision of labour force survey estimates are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the new conceptual basis of population estimates see "Population Estimates: An Outline of The New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates" (Catalogue No. 3216.0). To co-ordinate with the new benchmarks, the labour force survey questionnaire was changed in October 1982 to enable identification of each respondent's place of usual residence. Persons who are away overseas from their usual residence for less than six weeks at the time of interview are generally enumerated at their usual residence when relevant information can be obtained from other usual residents present at the time of the survey. Persons who, at the time of interview, are overseas for six weeks or more but for less than 12 months are included in the estimates on the assumption that their labour force characteristics are similar to those of the persons responding in the survey.

Comparability of Series. As noted above, estimates from February 1978 have been revised to conform to revised population estimates and are thus not strictly comparable with estimates for periods prior to February 1978 which have not been revised.

Related Publications

Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

Statistics House,
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"Indicators of Business Activity" (1303.3)

"Monthly Summary of Statistics" (1304.3)

Information Paper "Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey" (6232.0)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the "Catalogue of Publications" (Catalogue No. 1101.0) which is available from any ABS Office.

Unpublished Statistics

The ABS can also make available certain labour force statistics which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required statistics by telephone, they may be available in other forms, such as microfiche, photocopy, computer printout, or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished statistics in these forms.

For further information on these unpublished statistics contact Bevin Morris by telephoning Brisbane (07) 222 6277, or write to Information Services at the address below.

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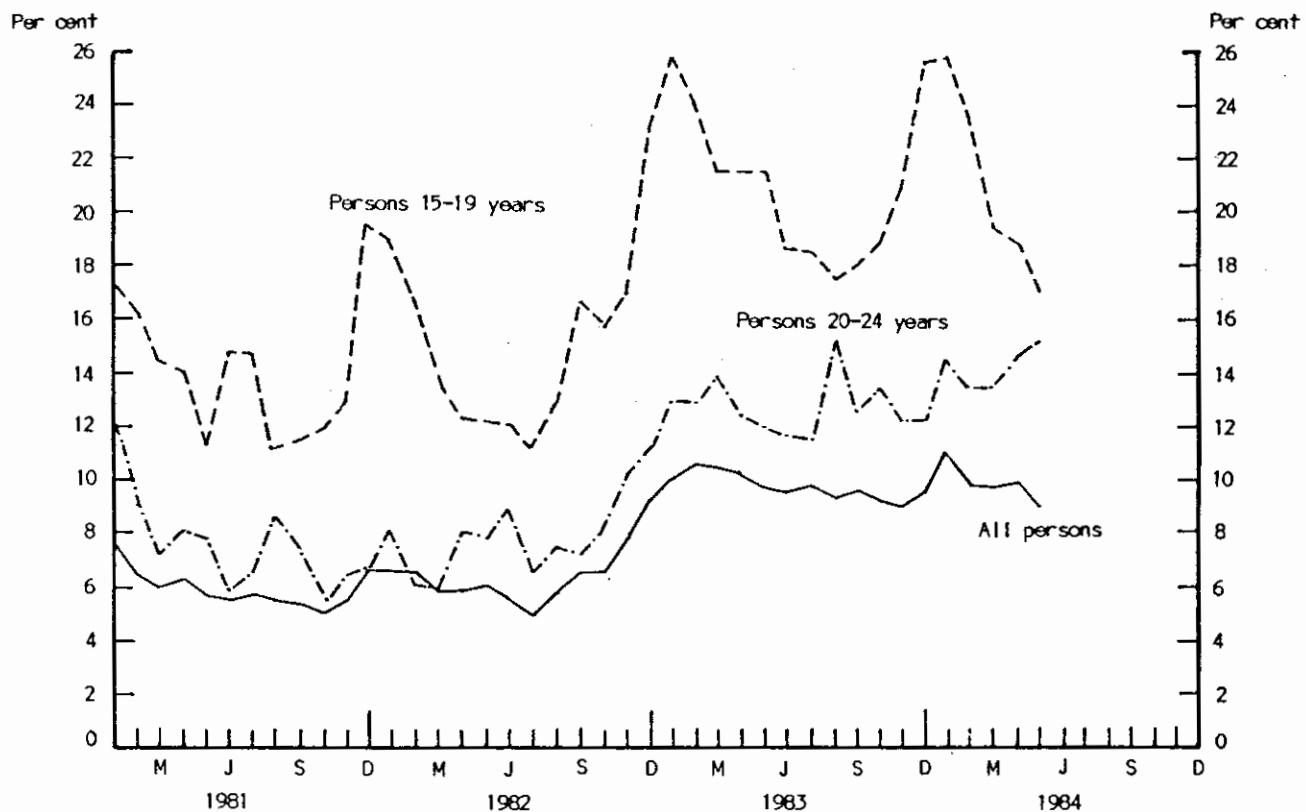
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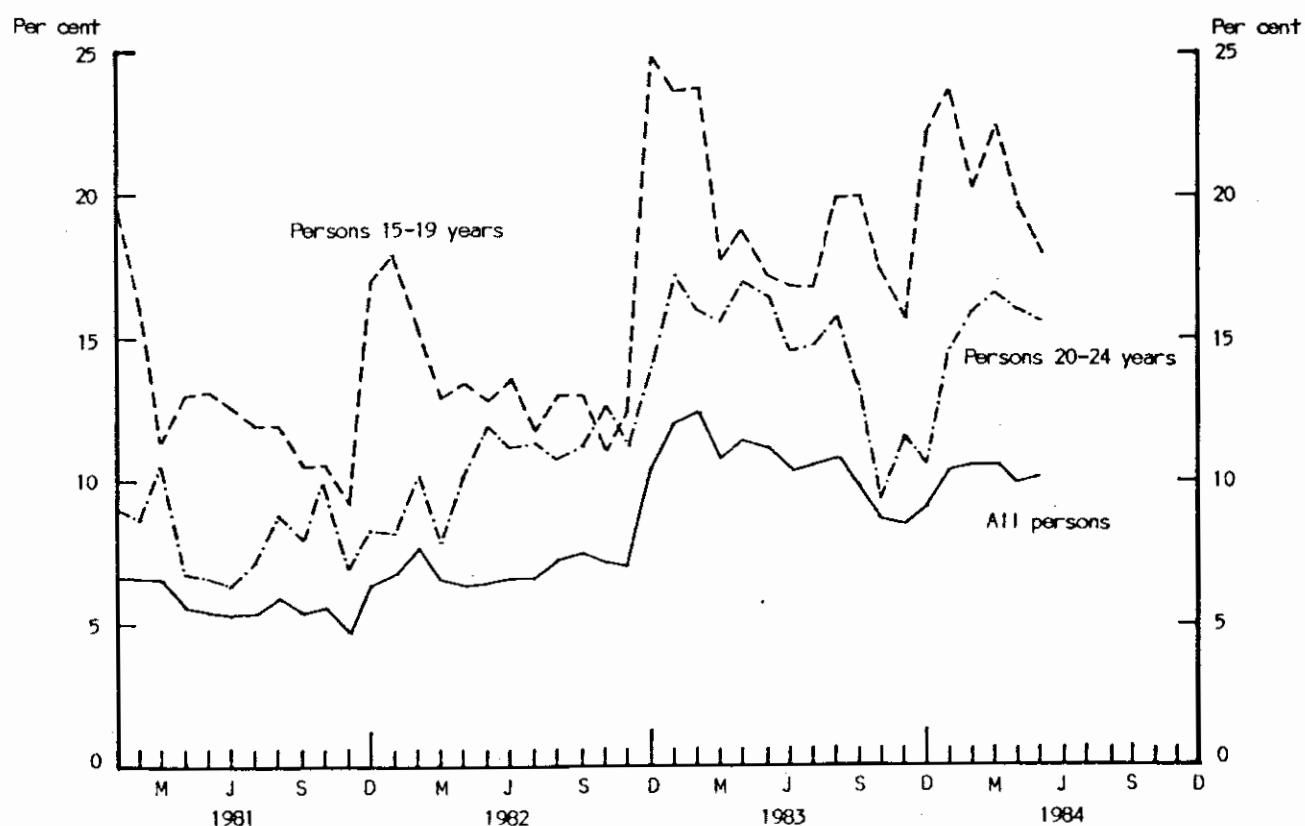
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Diagram 1 - Unemployment Rates (a) by Age, Brisbane Statistical Division, January 1981 to May 1984



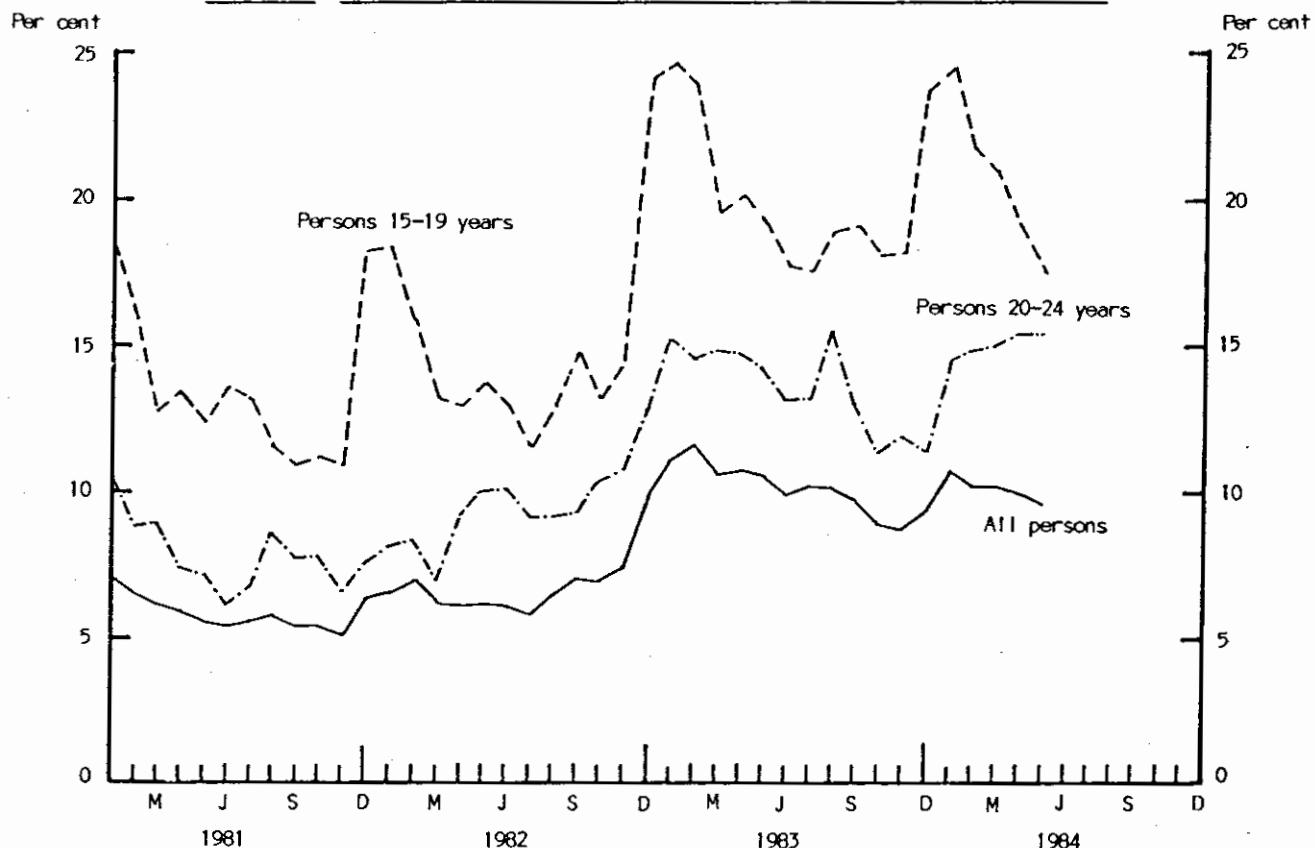
(a) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group.

Diagram 2 - Unemployment Rates (a) by Age, Queensland excluding Brisbane Statistical Division, January 1981 to May 1984



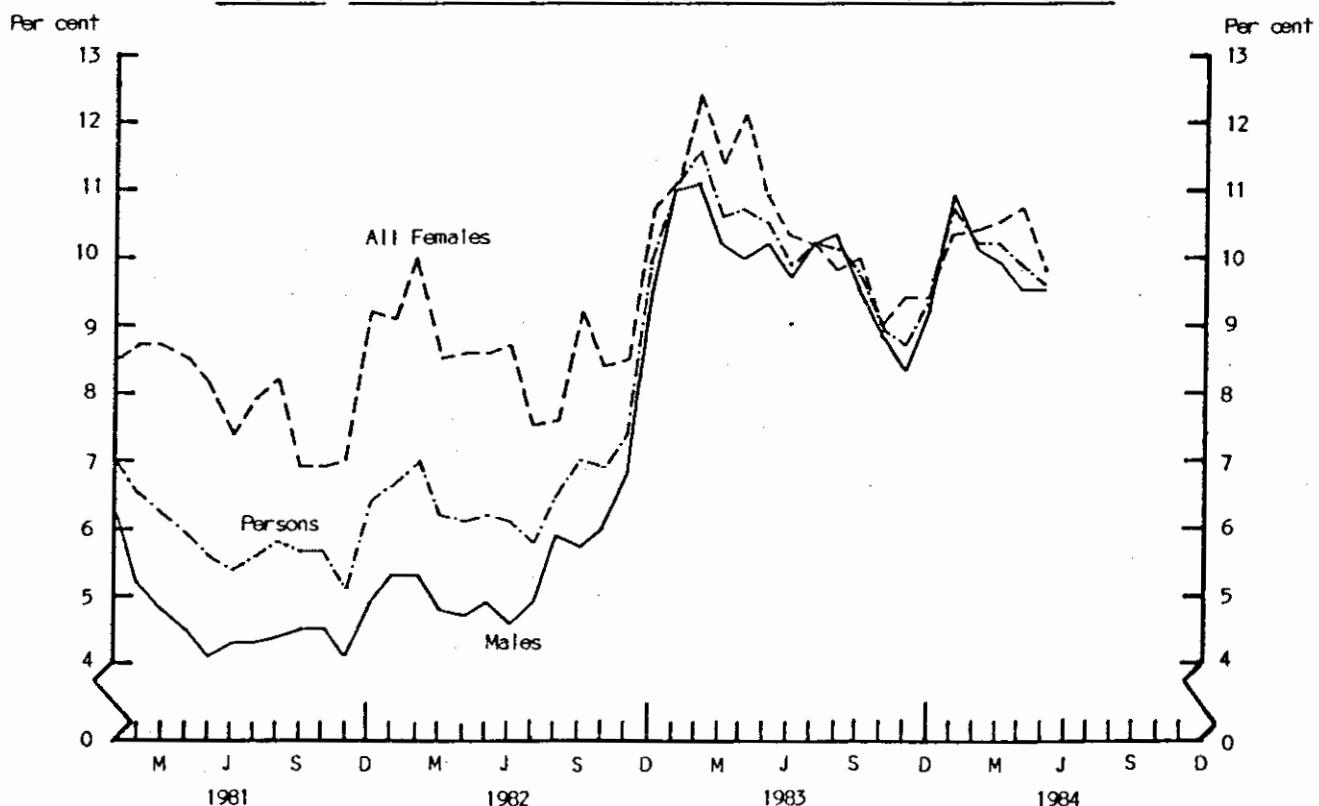
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Diagram 3 - Unemployment Rates (a) by Age, Queensland, January 1981 to May 1984



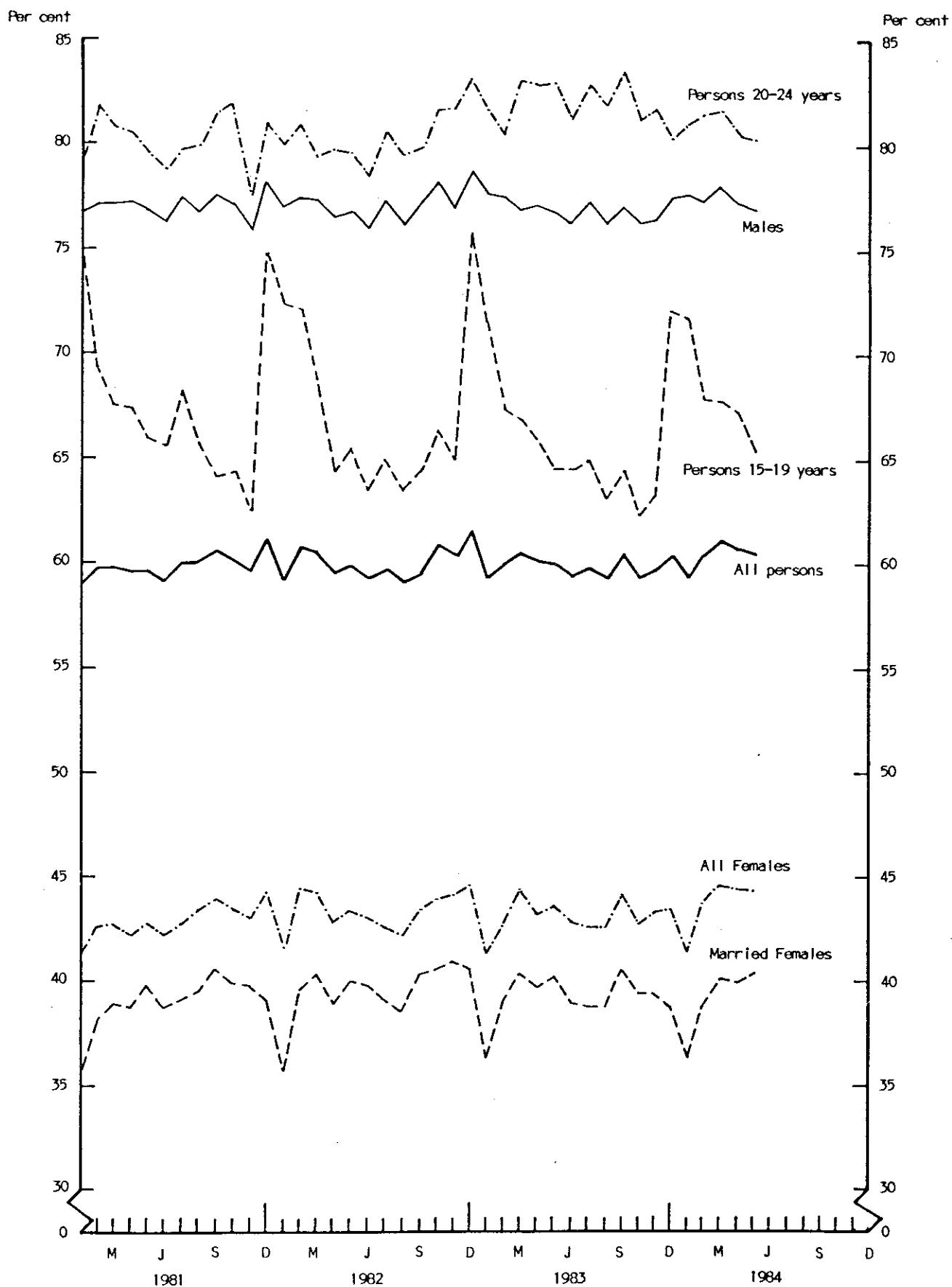
(a) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group.

Diagram 4 - Unemployment Rates (a) by Sex, Queensland, January 1981 to May 1984



(a) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group.

Diagram 5 - Labour Force Participation Rates (a) by Age and Sex, Queensland, January 1981 to May 1984



(a) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

Table 1 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over, Queensland, April 1983 to May 1984

Month	Employed	Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
		Number	Unemployment rate (a)	Number	Participation rate (b)		
		'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000
Males							
1983: April	..	628.4	69.8	10.0	698.3	77.2	206.4
May	..	625.2	71.3	10.2	696.5	76.8	210.6
June	..	626.7	67.4	9.7	694.1	76.3	215.1
July	..	631.5	71.8	10.2	703.4	77.3	207.2
August	..	624.2	71.4	10.3	695.5	76.3	216.5
September	..	637.9	66.9	9.5	704.8	77.1	208.8
October	..	637.8	61.3	8.8	699.1	76.4	216.0
November	..	643.0	57.9	8.3	700.9	76.5	215.8
December	..	647.3	65.7	9.2	713.1	77.6	205.3
1984: January	..	637.1	78.0	10.9	715.1	77.7	205.0
February	..	641.4	72.0	10.1	713.3	77.4	208.7
March	..	649.5	71.7	9.9	721.3	78.1	202.7
April	..	647.1	67.9	9.5	715.0	77.3	210.3
May	..	646.0	67.7	9.5	713.7	77.0	212.9
Married Females							
1983: April	..	204.7	19.4	8.7	224.2	39.7	340.5
May	..	212.6	17.7	7.7	230.2	40.2	342.5
June	..	204.4	17.1	7.7	221.5	38.9	348.1
July	..	202.7	17.7	8.0	220.4	38.8	347.2
August	..	205.5	14.8	6.7	220.3	38.8	347.3
September	..	212.9	17.6	7.7	230.5	40.5	338.6
October	..	209.6	14.1	6.3	223.7	39.4	343.8
November	..	209.6	14.2	6.4	223.8	39.4	344.0
December	..	207.2	14.1	6.4	221.3	38.8	349.5
1984: January	..	194.9	13.5	6.5	208.4	36.3	366.4
February	..	206.9	15.3	6.9	222.2	38.7	351.7
March	..	211.9	18.0	7.8	229.9	40.1	344.0
April	..	210.3	17.8	7.8	228.2	39.9	343.1
May	..	216.2	15.6	6.7	231.8	40.4	342.3
Other Females (c)							
1983: April	..	144.7	28.5	16.5	173.2	48.8	181.3
May	..	144.1	26.1	15.3	170.3	48.8	178.3
June	..	150.5	23.4	13.5	173.9	49.1	180.0
July	..	151.3	22.6	13.0	173.9	48.6	183.6
August	..	150.7	24.0	13.7	174.7	48.6	184.6
September	..	155.5	23.4	13.1	178.9	49.8	180.6
October	..	152.1	21.6	12.4	173.7	47.9	189.2
November	..	155.9	23.7	13.2	179.6	49.3	184.8
December	..	159.9	24.1	13.1	184.1	50.7	179.1
1984: January	..	153.2	26.4	14.7	179.5	49.7	181.7
February	..	160.3	27.3	14.6	187.6	51.5	176.6
March	..	163.5	26.1	13.8	189.6	51.8	176.6
April	..	163.2	26.9	14.2	190.1	51.3	180.2
May	..	160.7	25.1	13.5	185.9	50.4	183.2

Table 1 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over, Queensland, April 1983 to May 1984 (continued)

Month	Employed	Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	
		Number	Unemployment rate (a)	Number	Participation rate (b)			
		'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000	
All Females								
1983: April	..	349.4	47.9	12.1	397.3	43.2	521.8	919.2
May	..	356.7	43.8	10.9	400.5	43.5	520.8	921.3
June	..	354.8	40.5	10.3	395.4	42.8	528.2	923.5
July	..	354.0	40.3	10.2	394.3	42.6	530.9	925.2
August	..	356.2	38.8	9.8	395.0	42.6	531.9	926.9
September	..	368.4	41.1	10.0	409.5	44.1	519.2	928.6
October	..	361.6	35.7	9.0	397.4	42.7	533.0	930.4
November	..	365.5	37.9	9.4	403.4	43.3	528.8	932.2
December	..	367.1	38.2	9.4	405.4	43.4	528.6	934.0
1984: January	..	348.1	39.8	10.3	387.9	41.4	548.1	936.0
February	..	367.2	42.6	10.4	409.8	43.7	528.3	938.0
March	..	375.4	44.1	10.5	419.4	44.6	520.6	940.1
April	..	373.5	44.7	10.7	418.3	44.4	523.3	941.6
May	..	377.0	40.8	9.8	417.7	44.3	525.4	943.1
Persons								
1983: April	..	977.9	117.7	10.7	1,095.6	60.1	728.2	1,823.9
May	..	981.9	115.0	10.5	1,096.9	60.0	731.4	1,828.4
June	..	981.5	107.9	9.9	1,089.5	59.4	743.2	1,832.7
July	..	985.6	112.2	10.2	1,097.7	59.8	738.0	1,835.8
August	..	980.3	110.2	10.1	1,090.5	59.3	748.4	1,839.0
September	..	1,006.3	108.0	9.7	1,114.2	60.5	727.9	1,842.1
October	..	999.4	97.1	8.9	1,096.5	59.4	749.0	1,845.5
November	..	1,008.5	95.8	8.7	1,104.3	59.7	744.6	1,848.9
December	..	1,014.5	104.0	9.3	1,118.4	60.4	733.9	1,852.3
1984: January	..	985.1	117.8	10.7	1,102.9	59.4	753.2	1,856.1
February	..	1,008.5	114.6	10.2	1,123.1	60.4	736.9	1,860.0
March	..	1,024.9	115.8	10.2	1,140.7	61.2	723.3	1,864.0
April	..	1,020.6	112.7	9.9	1,133.3	60.7	733.6	1,866.9
May	..	1,023.0	108.4	9.6	1,131.4	60.5	738.3	1,869.8

- (a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
 (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
 (c) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

Table 2 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over, Brisbane Statistical Division,
April 1983 to May 1984

Month	Employed	Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
		Number	Unemployment rate (a)	Number	Participation rate (b)		
		'000	'000	'000	%	'000	'000
Males							
1983: April	..	290.9	30.4	9.5	321.3	77.6	92.5
May	..	287.5	29.7	9.4	317.1	76.4	97.8
June	..	288.4	28.3	8.9	316.8	76.2	99.1
July	..	287.8	31.2	9.8	319.0	76.6	97.5
August	..	282.9	29.8	9.5	312.7	74.9	104.5
September	..	288.2	29.6	9.3	317.8	76.1	100.1
October	..	283.6	29.8	9.5	313.5	74.8	105.3
November	..	289.5	27.3	8.6	316.8	75.5	102.8
December	..	292.5	32.3	9.9	324.8	77.2	95.7
1984: January	..	289.8	36.7	11.2	326.5	77.5	94.9
February	..	293.4	32.1	9.9	325.5	77.0	97.0
March	..	296.8	31.3	9.5	328.2	77.5	95.3
April	..	294.2	30.3	9.3	324.4	76.5	99.7
May	..	295.3	28.8	8.9	324.0	76.3	100.9
Married Females							
1983: April	..	97.9	9.9	9.2	107.8	41.8	150.0
May	..	101.2	8.4	7.6	109.6	41.9	152.2
June	..	97.1	9.1	8.6	106.2	41.2	151.8
July	..	95.9	8.1	7.8	104.0	40.5	153.0
August	..	99.1	7.4	7.0	106.6	41.5	150.0
September	..	102.2	9.6	8.6	111.8	43.3	146.4
October	..	99.6	6.7	6.3	106.3	41.3	151.0
November	..	98.3	7.4	7.0	105.7	41.3	150.4
December	..	98.2	6.7	6.4	104.9	40.2	156.0
1984: January	..	90.7	7.3	7.5	98.0	37.4	164.2
February	..	97.2	7.6	7.2	104.8	40.1	156.7
March	..	97.6	9.2	8.6	106.9	41.2	152.7
April	..	95.5	9.4	8.9	104.9	40.2	156.1
May	..	99.5	8.1	7.5	107.6	40.9	155.5
Other Females (c)							
1983: April	..	78.7	12.6	13.8	91.3	49.7	92.5
May	..	77.2	12.8	14.2	90.0	49.8	90.8
June	..	82.8	11.9	12.5	94.6	51.0	91.0
July	..	80.6	11.0	12.0	91.7	48.9	95.8
August	..	81.1	10.5	11.5	91.7	48.6	97.1
September	..	83.2	10.9	11.6	94.1	50.1	93.8
October	..	80.5	10.3	11.3	90.8	47.9	98.8
November	..	84.6	12.1	12.5	96.7	50.4	95.0
December	..	85.2	11.7	12.0	96.8	51.5	91.1
1984: January	..	80.1	13.6	14.5	93.6	49.9	94.0
February	..	85.6	12.2	12.5	97.8	51.7	91.5
March	..	89.0	11.4	11.4	100.4	52.2	92.0
April	..	87.9	13.1	12.9	100.9	52.6	90.8
May	..	85.6	10.6	11.0	96.2	50.5	94.3

Table 2 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over, Brisbane Statistical Division,
April 1983 to May 1984 (continued)

Month	Employed	Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
		Number	Unemployment rate (a)	Number	Participation rate (b)		
		'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000
All Females							
1983: April ..	176.5	22.5	11.3	199.1	45.1	242.5	441.6
May ..	178.4	21.2	10.6	199.6	45.1	243.0	442.6
June ..	179.9	21.0	10.5	200.9	45.3	242.8	443.6
July ..	176.5	19.1	9.8	195.6	44.0	248.8	444.4
August ..	180.3	17.9	9.0	198.2	44.5	247.0	445.3
September ..	185.4	20.5	9.9	205.9	46.2	240.2	446.1
October ..	180.1	17.0	8.6	197.1	44.1	249.8	446.9
November ..	182.9	19.5	9.6	202.4	45.2	245.4	447.9
December ..	183.3	18.4	9.1	201.7	44.9	247.1	448.8
1984: January ..	170.8	20.9	10.9	191.7	42.6	258.2	449.8
February ..	182.8	19.8	9.8	202.6	44.9	248.3	450.9
March ..	186.6	20.7	10.0	207.3	45.9	244.7	451.9
April ..	183.4	22.4	10.9	205.9	45.5	246.9	452.8
May ..	185.2	18.6	9.1	203.8	44.9	249.8	453.6
Persons							
1983: April ..	467.4	53.0	10.2	520.4	60.8	335.0	855.4
May ..	465.8	50.9	9.8	516.7	60.3	340.8	857.5
June ..	468.3	49.3	9.5	517.6	60.2	341.9	859.5
July ..	464.4	50.3	9.8	514.6	59.8	346.3	861.0
August ..	463.2	47.7	9.3	510.9	59.2	351.6	862.4
September ..	473.7	50.0	9.6	523.7	60.6	340.2	863.9
October ..	463.7	46.9	9.2	510.6	59.0	355.1	865.7
November ..	472.5	46.8	9.0	519.3	59.9	348.2	867.5
December ..	475.9	50.7	9.6	526.5	60.6	342.8	869.3
1984: January ..	460.6	57.6	11.1	518.2	59.5	353.1	871.3
February ..	476.2	51.9	9.8	528.1	60.5	345.2	873.4
March ..	483.4	52.0	9.7	535.4	61.2	340.0	875.4
April ..	477.6	52.7	9.9	530.3	60.5	346.6	876.9
May ..	480.4	47.4	9.0	527.8	60.1	350.6	878.5

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

(c) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

Table 3 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over, Queensland excluding Brisbane
 Statistical Division, April 1983 to May 1984

Month	Employed	Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
		Number	Unemployment rate (a)	Number	Participation rate (b)		
		'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000
Males							
1983: April	..	337.6	39.4	10.4	377.0	76.8	113.9
May	..	337.7	41.6	11.0	379.3	77.1	112.8
June	..	338.3	39.1	10.4	377.4	76.5	116.0
July	..	343.7	40.7	10.6	384.4	77.8	109.6
August	..	341.2	41.6	10.9	382.9	77.4	112.0
September	..	349.6	37.3	9.6	387.0	78.1	108.7
October	..	354.2	31.5	8.2	385.7	77.7	110.6
November	..	353.5	30.6	8.0	384.1	77.3	113.0
December	..	354.8	33.4	8.6	388.3	78.0	109.6
1984: January	..	347.3	41.3	10.6	388.5	77.9	110.1
February	..	348.0	39.9	10.3	387.8	77.6	111.7
March	..	352.7	40.4	10.3	393.1	78.5	107.4
April	..	352.9	37.7	9.6	390.6	77.9	110.6
May	..	350.8	38.9	10.0	389.7	77.7	112.1
Married Females							
1983: April	..	106.9	9.5	8.2	116.4	37.9	190.5
May	..	111.4	9.3	7.7	120.7	38.8	190.3
June	..	107.2	8.0	6.9	115.2	37.0	196.4
July	..	106.9	9.6	8.2	116.5	37.5	194.2
August	..	106.4	7.4	6.5	113.7	36.6	197.3
September	..	110.6	8.1	6.8	118.7	38.2	192.2
October	..	110.0	7.4	6.3	117.4	37.8	192.8
November	..	111.3	6.8	5.7	118.1	37.9	193.6
December	..	109.0	7.4	6.3	116.4	37.6	193.5
1984: January	..	104.2	6.2	5.6	110.4	35.3	202.2
February	..	109.7	7.7	6.5	117.4	37.6	195.0
March	..	114.3	8.7	7.1	123.0	39.1	191.3
April	..	114.8	8.5	6.9	123.2	39.7	187.1
May	..	116.7	7.6	6.1	124.3	39.9	186.8
Other Females (c)							
1983: April	..	66.0	15.8	19.4	81.8	48.0	88.8
May	..	66.9	13.3	16.6	80.2	47.8	87.5
June	..	67.7	11.5	14.6	79.3	47.1	89.0
July	..	70.6	11.6	14.1	82.3	48.4	87.8
August	..	69.5	13.5	16.3	83.0	48.7	87.6
September	..	72.3	12.6	14.8	84.9	49.4	86.8
October	..	71.5	11.3	13.6	82.8	47.8	90.4
November	..	71.2	11.7	14.1	82.9	48.0	89.8
December	..	74.8	12.5	14.3	87.2	49.8	88.0
1984: January	..	73.1	12.8	14.9	85.9	49.5	87.7
February	..	74.6	15.1	16.9	89.8	51.4	85.0
March	..	74.5	14.6	16.4	89.2	51.3	84.6
April	..	75.3	13.8	15.5	89.2	49.9	89.4
May	..	75.1	14.5	16.2	89.7	50.2	88.8

Table 3 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over, Queensland excluding
Brisbane Statistical Division, April 1983 to May 1984 (continued)

Month	Employed	Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
		Number	Unemployment rate (a)	Number	Participation rate (b)		
		'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000
All Females							
1983: April ..	172.9	25.4	12.8	198.2	41.5	279.4	477.6
May ..	178.3	22.6	11.2	200.9	42.0	277.8	478.7
June ..	175.0	19.5	10.0	194.5	40.5	285.4	479.9
July ..	177.5	21.2	10.7	198.7	41.3	282.1	480.8
August ..	175.9	20.9	10.6	196.8	40.8	284.9	481.7
September ..	183.0	20.6	10.1	203.6	42.2	279.0	482.5
October ..	181.5	18.7	9.3	200.2	41.4	283.2	483.5
November ..	182.5	18.4	9.2	201.0	41.5	283.4	484.3
December ..	183.8	19.8	9.7	203.6	42.0	281.5	485.2
1984: January ..	177.3	18.9	9.6	196.2	40.4	289.9	486.2
February ..	184.3	22.8	11.0	207.1	42.5	280.0	487.1
March ..	188.8	23.4	11.0	212.2	43.5	275.9	488.1
April ..	190.1	22.3	10.5	212.4	43.4	276.4	488.8
May ..	191.8	22.1	10.3	213.9	43.7	275.6	489.5
Persons							
1983: April ..	510.4	64.8	11.3	575.2	59.4	393.3	968.5
May ..	516.1	64.2	11.1	580.2	59.8	390.7	970.9
June ..	513.2	58.6	10.3	571.8	58.8	401.4	973.2
July ..	521.2	61.9	10.6	583.1	59.8	391.7	974.8
August ..	517.1	62.5	10.8	579.6	59.4	396.9	976.5
September ..	532.6	57.9	9.8	590.5	60.4	387.7	978.2
October ..	535.7	50.2	8.6	585.9	59.8	393.9	979.8
November ..	536.0	49.0	8.4	585.1	59.6	396.3	981.4
December ..	538.6	53.3	9.0	591.9	60.2	391.1	983.0
1984: January ..	524.5	60.2	10.3	584.7	59.4	400.1	984.8
February ..	532.3	62.7	10.5	595.0	60.3	391.7	986.7
March ..	541.5	63.8	10.5	605.3	61.2	383.3	988.6
April ..	543.0	60.0	9.9	603.0	60.9	387.0	990.0
May ..	542.6	61.0	10.1	603.6	60.9	387.7	991.3

- (a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
 (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
 (c) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

Table 4 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over by Age Group, Queensland, May 1984

Table 4 - Labour Force Status of the Civilian Population Aged 15 Years and Over by Age Group, Queensland,
May 1984 (continued)

Age group (years)	Employed	Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
		Number	Unemployment rate (a)	Number	Participation rate (b)		
		'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000
All Females							
15 - 19	..	58.2	10.1	14.8	68.3	65.2	36.4
20 - 24	..	64.1	11.0	14.7	75.1	69.7	32.7
25 - 34	..	97.6	8.9	8.4	106.5	53.3	93.3
35 - 44	..	85.6	7.4	7.9	93.0	56.6	71.2
45 - 54	..	50.1	*	*	53.1	46.2	61.8
55 - 59	..	12.7	*	*	13.1	23.1	43.6
60 - 64	..	5.8	*	*	5.8	10.8	48.3
<u>15 - 64</u>	..	<u>374.2</u>	<u>40.8</u>	<u>9.8</u>	<u>414.9</u>	<u>51.7</u>	<u>387.3</u>
65 and over	..	*	*	*	*	*	138.1
<u>Total</u>	..	<u>377.0</u>	<u>40.8</u>	<u>9.8</u>	<u>417.7</u>	<u>44.3</u>	<u>525.4</u>
Persons							
15 - 19	..	114.2	24.2	17.5	138.4	65.4	73.3
20 - 24	..	146.5	26.6	15.4	173.2	80.3	42.6
25 - 34	..	275.3	25.6	8.5	300.9	74.7	102.1
35 - 44	..	241.0	16.5	6.4	257.5	76.9	77.4
45 - 54	..	151.1	10.8	6.7	161.9	68.9	73.2
55 - 59	..	53.7	*	*	57.0	49.9	57.2
60 - 64	..	30.2	*	*	31.4	29.5	75.1
<u>15 - 64</u>	..	<u>1,012.0</u>	<u>108.3</u>	<u>9.7</u>	<u>1,120.3</u>	<u>69.1</u>	<u>500.9</u>
65 and over	..	11.0	*	*	11.1	4.5	237.4
<u>Total</u>	..	<u>1,023.0</u>	<u>108.4</u>	<u>9.6</u>	<u>1,131.4</u>	<u>60.5</u>	<u>738.3</u>
1,869.8							

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

(c) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

Table 5 - Civilian Labour Force (a) by Age Group and Location, Queensland, May 1984

Age group (years)	Number					Participation rate (b)				
	Males	Married females	Other females (c)	All females	Persons	Males	Married females	Other females (c)	All females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%
Brisbane Statistical Division										
15 - 19 ..	30.2	*	31.4	32.1	62.2	60.0	*	65.2	64.2	62.1
20 - 24 ..	43.9	13.2	24.2	37.4	81.3	88.0	56.4	84.2	71.7	79.7
25 - 34 ..	88.8	32.6	19.9	52.4	141.3	94.7	46.0	77.5	54.4	74.3
35 - 44 ..	75.0	36.2	8.7	44.9	119.9	95.6	55.8	67.3	57.7	76.7
45 - 54 ..	49.0	19.0	7.2	26.2	75.2	89.3	45.2	58.1	48.1	68.8
55 - 59 ..	21.3	3.8	*	7.0	28.2	78.6	19.3	*	25.4	51.8
60 - 64 ..	13.3	*	*	*	16.3	56.3	*	*	*	33.0
15 - 64 ..	321.5	107.3	95.7	203.0	524.5	85.1	44.9	66.1	52.9	68.8
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total ..	324.0	107.6	96.2	203.8	527.8	76.3	40.9	50.5	44.9	60.1
Rest of State										
15 - 19 ..	40.0	*	34.5	36.2	76.2	70.3	*	67.9	66.2	68.3
20 - 24 ..	54.1	13.0	24.8	37.7	91.8	93.3	48.0	86.3	67.7	80.8
25 - 34 ..	105.6	40.6	13.5	54.1	159.7	96.5	47.5	75.2	52.3	75.0
35 - 44 ..	89.4	39.3	8.8	48.1	137.6	97.1	53.9	65.2	55.6	77.0
45 - 54 ..	59.9	22.9	3.9	26.8	86.7	91.4	45.6	38.8	44.5	68.9
55 - 59 ..	22.7	3.9	*	6.1	28.8	74.4	17.4	*	20.9	48.2
60 - 64 ..	12.2	*	*	*	15.1	42.6	*	*	*	26.4
15 - 64 ..	383.9	123.1	88.8	211.9	595.9	87.0	43.7	65.0	50.7	69.3
65 and over	5.8	*	*	*	7.7	9.5	*	*	*	5.9
Total ..	389.7	124.3	89.7	213.9	603.6	77.7	39.9	50.2	43.7	60.9
Total Queensland										
15 - 19 ..	70.2	*	65.9	68.3	138.4	65.5	*	66.6	65.2	65.4
20 - 24 ..	98.1	26.2	49.0	75.1	173.2	90.9	51.9	85.3	69.7	80.3
25 - 34 ..	194.4	73.2	33.3	106.5	300.9	95.7	46.8	76.6	53.3	74.7
35 - 44 ..	164.5	75.5	17.5	93.0	257.5	96.4	54.8	66.2	56.6	76.9
45 - 54 ..	108.9	41.9	11.2	53.1	161.9	90.5	45.4	49.5	46.2	68.9
55 - 59 ..	43.9	7.7	5.4	13.1	57.0	76.4	18.3	36.8	23.1	49.9
60 - 64 ..	25.5	3.6	*	5.8	31.4	48.8	9.9	*	10.8	29.5
15 - 64 ..	705.4	230.4	184.5	414.9	1,120.3	86.1	44.3	65.5	51.7	69.1
65 and over	8.3	*	*	*	11.1	7.7	*	*	*	4.5
Total ..	713.7	231.8	185.9	417.7	1,131.4	77.0	40.4	50.4	44.3	60.5

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

(c) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

Table 6 - Employed Persons (a) by Full-time or Part-time Status, Queensland, April 1983 to May 1984

Month	Males		Married females		Other females (b)		All females		Persons	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Number ('000)										
1983: April ..	589.3	39.2	111.3	93.4	111.6	33.1	222.9	126.5	812.1	165.7
May ..	589.5	35.7	113.4	99.2	111.0	33.1	224.4	132.3	813.9	168.0
June ..	594.2	32.5	107.8	96.6	114.5	36.0	222.3	132.5	816.5	165.0
July ..	595.5	36.1	112.5	90.2	115.5	35.8	228.0	126.0	823.5	162.1
August ..	588.9	35.3	111.1	94.4	115.5	35.5	226.3	129.9	815.2	165.1
September	599.8	38.1	119.2	93.7	120.4	35.1	239.6	128.8	839.3	166.9
October ..	600.9	36.9	115.7	93.9	116.7	35.4	232.3	129.3	833.3	166.2
November	604.6	38.4	112.0	97.6	116.7	39.2	228.7	136.8	833.3	175.3
December	608.4	38.9	113.1	94.1	117.7	42.2	230.8	136.3	839.3	175.2
1984: January ..	600.4	36.7	113.0	81.9	118.0	35.2	231.0	117.1	831.4	153.8
February	605.2	36.2	109.1	97.8	119.0	41.3	228.1	139.1	833.3	175.3
March ..	611.4	38.1	109.0	102.9	119.6	43.8	228.7	146.7	840.1	184.8
April ..	607.3	39.8	110.3	100.0	122.0	41.2	232.3	141.3	839.6	181.0
May ..	606.2	39.9	112.6	103.6	121.0	39.8	233.5	143.4	839.7	183.3

Full-time/Part-time as a Proportion of Employed Persons (c) (per cent)

1983: April ..	93.8	6.2	54.4	45.6	77.1	22.9	63.8	36.2	83.1	16.9
May ..	94.3	5.7	53.3	46.7	77.0	23.0	62.9	37.1	82.9	17.1
June ..	94.8	5.2	52.7	47.3	76.1	23.9	62.6	37.4	83.2	16.8
July ..	94.3	5.7	55.5	44.5	76.3	23.7	64.4	35.6	83.6	16.4
August ..	94.3	5.7	54.1	45.9	76.5	23.5	63.5	36.5	83.2	16.8
September	94.0	6.0	56.0	44.0	77.4	22.6	65.0	35.0	83.4	16.6
October ..	94.2	5.8	55.2	44.8	76.7	23.3	64.3	35.7	83.4	16.6
November	94.0	6.0	53.4	46.6	74.8	25.2	62.6	37.4	82.6	17.4
December	94.0	6.0	54.6	45.4	73.6	26.4	62.9	37.1	82.7	17.3
1984: January ..	94.2	5.8	58.0	42.0	77.0	23.0	66.4	33.6	84.4	15.6
February	94.4	5.6	52.7	47.3	74.3	25.7	62.1	37.9	82.6	17.4
March ..	94.1	5.9	51.5	48.5	73.2	26.8	60.9	39.1	82.0	18.0
April ..	93.9	6.1	52.4	47.6	74.7	25.3	62.2	37.8	82.3	17.7
May ..	93.8	6.2	52.1	47.9	75.2	24.8	62.0	38.0	82.1	17.9

(a) Civilians 15 years of age and over.

(b) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

(c) Employed persons in each category (full-time males, part-time males, etc.) as a proportion of all employed persons in the corresponding sex/marital status group (i.e. males, married females, other females, all females, or persons).

Table 7 - Employed Persons (a) by Industry Division and Status of Worker, Queensland, May 1984
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Industry division and status of worker		Males	Married females	Other females (b)	All females	Persons
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	..	62.1	17.0	*	19.6	81.7
Mining	..	18.9	*	*	*	21.4
Manufacturing	..	102.6	16.6	13.6	30.2	132.8
Electricity, gas, and water	..	15.7	*	*	*	18.8
Construction	..	72.1	7.7	*	9.2	81.4
Wholesale and retail trade	..	124.4	52.5	45.2	97.7	222.1
Transport and storage	..	58.3	5.2	3.7	8.9	67.2
Communication	..	17.5	*	*	4.6	22.1
Finance, property, and business services	..	46.4	21.6	18.8	40.3	86.7
Public administration and defence	..	28.4	5.2	6.9	12.2	40.6
Community services	..	67.9	63.2	44.8	108.0	175.9
Recreation, personal, and other services	..	31.7	22.4	18.3	40.7	72.3
<u>Total employed</u>	..	646.0	216.2	160.7	377.0	1,023.0
Wage and salary earners	..	510.6	163.8	153.7	317.5	828.1
Other (c)	..	135.4	52.4	7.0	59.5	194.9

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over.

(b) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

(c) Employers, self-employed, and unpaid family helpers.

Table 8 - Employed Persons (a) by Occupation Group, Queensland, May 1984
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Occupation group		Males	Married females	Other females (b)	All females	Persons
Professional, technical, and related workers	..	71.9	35.8	28.4	64.2	136.1
Administrative, executive, and managerial	..	55.5	10.7	3.6	14.3	69.8
Clerical	..	44.8	60.2	57.3	117.4	162.3
Sales	..	49.5	27.9	26.6	54.5	104.0
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	..	71.3	16.2	*	19.2	90.6
Transport and communication	..	47.6	4.5	*	7.9	55.5
Tradesmen, production-process workers, and labourers, n.e.c. (c)	..	261.0	20.0	11.4	31.4	292.4
Service, sport, and recreation	..	44.4	40.9	27.2	68.1	112.5
<u>Total</u>	..	646.0	216.2	160.7	377.0	1,023.0

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over.

(b) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.

(c) Including miners, quarrymen, and related workers.

Table 9 - Average Hours Worked (a) by Employed Persons (b) by Industry Division
and Status of Worker, Queensland, May 1984

Industry division and status of worker	Males	Married females	Other females (c)	All females	Persons
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting ..	50.7	31.0	*	32.5	46.3
Mining	37.3	*	*	*	36.8
Manufacturing	36.9	30.4	32.2	31.2	35.6
Electricity, gas, and water	33.6	*	*	*	33.4
Construction	39.3	14.8	*	17.7	36.9
Wholesale and retail trade	39.7	29.2	27.0	28.2	34.6
Transport and storage	38.0	22.1	29.7	25.3	36.3
Communication	32.3	*	*	26.4	31.1
Finance, property, and business services	39.7	28.9	31.6	30.2	35.3
Public administration and defence	34.6	28.2	33.7	31.3	33.6
Community services	38.6	26.0	34.8	29.7	33.1
Recreation, personal, and other services	42.0	29.5	26.7	28.3	34.3
<u>Total employed</u>	39.5	27.7	30.9	29.1	35.7
Wage and salary earners	37.1	26.5	30.9	28.7	33.8
Other (d)	48.6	31.5	31.4	31.5	43.4

(a) Persons with jobs who did not work during survey week have been included in the calculation of average hours worked. (b) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (c) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced.
(d) Employers, self-employed, and unpaid family helpers.

Table 10 - Employed Persons (a) by Hours Worked, Queensland, May 1984
('000)

Hours worked	Number employed				
	Males	Married females	Other females (b)	All females	Persons
0 (c) ..	36.4	12.2	7.4	19.6	56.0
1-15 ..	22.7	48.5	23.4	71.8	94.5
16-29 ..	44.9	47.4	19.0	66.5	111.3
30-34 ..	75.0	24.2	25.1	49.3	124.4
35-39 ..	73.7	20.1	21.0	41.1	114.8
40 ..	174.6	34.9	44.3	79.2	253.8
41-44 ..	32.8	5.7	7.5	13.2	46.0
45-48 ..	51.7	5.7	5.8	11.4	63.1
49 and over ..	134.3	17.5	7.3	24.7	159.0
<u>Total</u> ..	646.0	216.2	160.7	377.0	1,023.0

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Never married, widowed, separated, or divorced. (c) See Explanatory Notes.

Table 11 - Unemployed Persons and Unemployment Rates (a) by Industry Division, Queensland, February 1983 to May 1984

Industry division (b) and unemployment category	February 1983		May 1983		August 1983		November 1983		February 1984		May 1984	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Manufacturing	22.7	14.1	18.9	11.6	15.7	10.5	13.8	9.2	16.7	10.8	13.9	9.5
Construction	15.5	16.0	17.2	17.7	16.5	17.4	11.6	12.8	9.8	11.0	10.0	10.9
Wholesale and retail trade	17.5	8.3	19.1	8.7	20.8	9.0	15.9	6.7	16.5	6.9	15.4	6.5
Community services	5.1	3.2	5.6	3.3	4.5	2.7	4.3	2.6	4.5	2.7	6.7	3.7
Recreation, personal, and other services	9.0	11.7	8.5	11.3	8.0	11.4	4.1	5.7	6.2	8.1	5.9	7.6
Other Industries	21.2	6.0	18.9	5.5	13.8	4.0	15.3	4.3	20.7	5.8	20.7	5.8
Looking for first job	17.6	..	10.8	..	12.1	..	11.5	..	16.5	..	16.0	..
Persons who have not worked full-time for two weeks or more during the last two years (c)	17.1	..	15.9	..	18.7	..	19.4	..	23.5	..	19.8	..
<u>Total unemployed</u>	125.8	11.6	115.0	10.5	110.2	10.1	95.8	8.7	114.6	10.2	108.4	9.6
Looking for full-time work	107.7	11.8	101.5	11.1	97.9	10.7	81.9	8.9	101.0	10.8	93.6	10.0
Looking for part-time work	18.1	10.1	13.5	7.4	12.3	6.9	14.0	7.4	13.6	7.2	14.9	7.5

(a) Unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in that group. (b) Industry division of last full-time job held for two weeks or more within the last two years. (c) Excluding persons looking for first job.

Table 12 - Unemployed Persons and Unemployment Rates (a) by Occupation Group, Queensland, February 1983 to May 1984

Occupation group (b)	February 1983		May 1983		August 1983		November 1983		February 1984		May 1984	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Administrative, executive, managerial, and clerical	10.9	4.8	10.6	4.5	10.8	4.6	7.2	3.2	8.3	3.5	8.4	3.5
Sales	8.0	8.0	9.2	8.6	9.3	8.8	8.7	8.1	6.2	5.8	8.0	7.2
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.0	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	6.5	6.8	6.4	6.6
Tradesmen, production-process workers, and labourers (c)	46.0	13.9	41.0	12.8	38.7	12.3	33.1	10.2	35.5	10.8	31.5	9.7
Service, sport, and recreation	7.1	6.4	10.8	9.8	8.4	8.0	5.6	5.1	7.5	6.5	8.0	6.6
Other occupation groups	11.0	5.8	8.6	4.4	7.6	3.8	5.8	2.8	10.6	5.2	10.4	5.1
Looking for first job	17.6	..	10.8	..	12.1	..	11.5	..	16.5	..	16.0	..
Persons who have not worked full-time for two weeks or more during the last two years (d)	17.1	..	15.9	..	18.7	..	19.4	..	23.5	..	19.8	..
<u>Total unemployed</u>	125.8	11.6	115.0	10.5	110.2	10.1	95.8	8.7	114.6	10.2	108.4	9.6

(a) Unemployed in each occupation group as a percentage of the labour force in that group. (b) Occupation group of the last full-time job held for two weeks or more within the last two years. (c) Including miners, quarrymen, and related workers. (d) Excluding persons looking for first job.

Table 13 - Unemployed Persons by Duration of Unemployment (a), Queensland, February 1983 to May 1984

Duration of unemployment (a)	February 1983	May 1983	August 1983	November 1983	February 1984	May 1984
Males						
Number unemployed		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Under 4 weeks	11.2	8.4	10.6	9.6	9.5
4 and under 8 weeks	13.8	9.9	10.2	5.5	11.1
8 and under 13 weeks	17.9	9.0	7.1	4.8	9.1
13 and under 26 weeks	16.8	15.3	11.2	9.5	10.6
26 weeks and over	17.8	28.6	32.4	28.5	31.6
<u>Total</u>	77.5	71.3	71.4	57.9	72.0
		weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks
Average (mean) duration of unemployment	19.1	26.9	32.4	35.6	36.7
Median duration of unemployment	11.8	20.0	22.2	25.4	20.6
Females						
Number unemployed		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Under 4 weeks	12.2	6.7	7.2	7.3	10.4
4 and under 8 weeks	8.8	6.5	5.1	5.0	5.9
8 and under 13 weeks	8.0	5.3	4.2	4.8	5.9
13 and under 26 weeks	6.2	11.0	6.9	6.2	3.8
26 weeks and over	13.2	14.2	15.4	14.6	16.6
<u>Total</u>	48.4	43.8	38.8	37.9	42.6
		weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks
Average (mean) duration of unemployment	24.2	32.2	29.2	34.4	30.5
Median duration of unemployment	10.0	17.0	18.4	16.8	12.2
Persons						
Number unemployed		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Under 4 weeks	23.4	15.1	17.8	16.9	20.0
4 and under 8 weeks	22.5	16.4	15.3	10.5	17.0
8 and under 13 weeks	25.9	14.3	11.3	9.7	15.0
13 and under 26 weeks	23.0	26.3	18.1	15.7	14.4
26 weeks and over	31.0	42.9	47.8	43.0	48.2
<u>Total</u>	125.8	115.0	110.2	95.8	114.6
		weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks
Average (mean) duration of unemployment	21.1	28.9	31.3	35.2	34.4
Median duration of unemployment	11.3	18.8	20.7	22.0	17.8

(a) See Explanatory Notes.

Technical Notes

Estimation procedure. The estimates are derived from the monthly population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates. Since the estimates in this bulletin are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included and about 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. Standard errors for general application are given in Table A following. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. They will provide an indication, however, of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate for any particular survey. An example of the use of Table A is as follows: If the estimate for Queensland obtained from the sample is 20,000 the standard error is 1,500, i.e. there are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 18,500 to 21,500 and about 19 chances in 20 that the true figure is between 17,000 and 23,000.

The standard errors of estimates relating to agricultural employment are generally somewhat higher than the standard errors of other estimates of the same magnitude. Estimates for females also tend to have higher standard errors than estimates of equivalent size for males in similar employment categories.

The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. The per cent standard error of the estimated percentage, however, will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of the numerators can be obtained from Table A.

Table A

Size of estimate persons	No.	Per cent of estimate
(a) 3,500	740	21.1
4,000	780	19.5
4,500	820	18.2
5,000	860	17.2
6,000	930	15.5
10,000	1,200	12.0
20,000	1,500	7.5
50,000	2,200	4.4
100,000	2,800	2.8
200,000	3,600	1.8
300,000	4,100	1.4
500,000	4,800	1.0
1,000,000	5,900	0.6

(a) Estimates below 3,500 have not been published (see text below).

As the standard errors in Table A show, the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this bulletin, estimates below the level shown in Table A (3,500) have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

The movement in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the movement depends on the levels of the estimates from which the movement is obtained rather than the size of the movement.

The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient operating procedures.

Technical Notes (continued)

Table B

Size of larger estimate	Standard errors of estimates of monthly movements	Size of larger estimate	Standard errors of estimates of monthly movements
3,500	730	50,000	1,700
4,000	760	100,000	2,100
4,500	790	200,000	2,500
5,000	820	300,000	2,800
6,000	880	500,000	3,200
10,000	1,000	1,000,000	3,800
20,000	1,300		

An indication of the magnitude of standard errors of monthly movements in the Queensland estimates is given in Table B. The estimates of standard errors of monthly movements apply only to estimates of movements between two consecutive months. Movements between corresponding months of consecutive years or between two other non-consecutive months will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated in Table B. A guide to the standard errors of quarterly movements can be obtained by multiplying the corresponding figure for monthly movements by 1.4.